

Knotheads and Southern Baptists

The basic setup of a Big Sur Natives show is generally the same each time. The performance starts out with an invocation, followed by a number of jams with one dancer usually taking center stage per jam. These can radically range in style. At one show I saw an older man dressed as a Magi, with Teresa and the other dancers using large hoops to indicate some sort of doorway, perhaps to an alternate world. Another show began with a younger dancer in a heap on the floor. As the music progressed, she arose and wove a strange path around the room, writhing in time to the drums, only to collapse back onto the ground at the end.

About halfway through, audience members are selectively brought up to dance, with the eventual result being an out-and-out free-for-all where the musicians and dancers merge with the audience for an intensively interactive end to the evening.

As far as the metaphysics involved with these performances, though, well, your guess is as good as mine.

"What happens is total magic," says Teresa. "It's a jar that captures the alchemical. The River Inn gets transformed."

"It's more of an experience than a performance," Brock corrects me when I use the P-word. "When it really happens, it's really good. The music is built on waves. It builds and drops, goes up and down, ebbs and flows."

And like any good experience, the audience is an integral part of the event. On any given night, the crowd in attendance will consist of several regulars and a number of Natives virgins. "It's a safe environment for all types of people," says Teresa. "You have your knotheads, you have your Southern Baptists. Everyone's comfortable. I love to play with the people [when I dance.] I go around and stir the pot. It's the ones sitting down in the corner that truly want to get up."

In addition to the Natives shows, Brock and Teresa contribute to the Big Sur community in other ways. In 1988 Teresa opened the Heart Beat Gallery of Gifts, located next to the River Inn. The store contains an assortment of crystals, clothes, musical instruments and other items that seem to fit with the general atmosphere of a Natives show.

"Heart Beat was named because it was from the heart and we needed something dealing with percussion," says Teresa. "It's a bit of a pun."

In the meantime, the Natives shows seem to be picking up for the summer. The next performance at the River Inn will be on June 23. Teresa and Brock seem to have no plans to slow down any time soon.

"We're trying to preserve the spirit of Big Sur," says Teresa. "It's nice to be able to go out on the porch in the evening and play drums to the canyon, to go deeper and deeper. Without complaints from a new neighbor."

"We're the last of the old breed," agrees Brock.

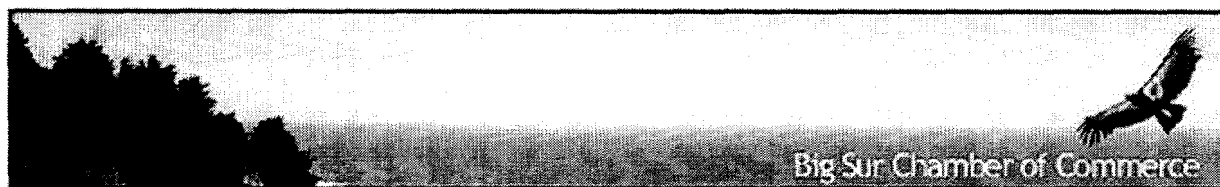
In the background, from behind the River Inn, I can hear the Big Sur River, gurgling out its

ancient and timeless rhythms.

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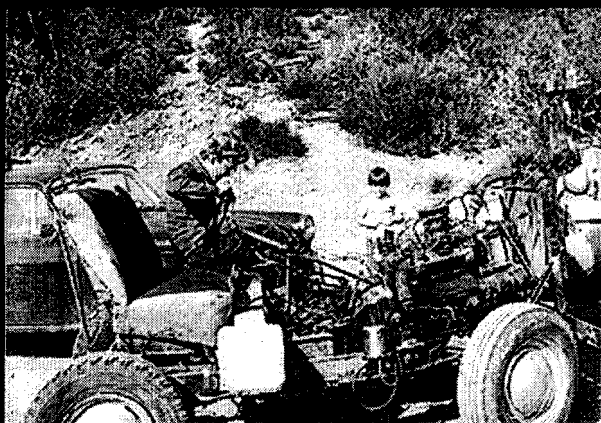
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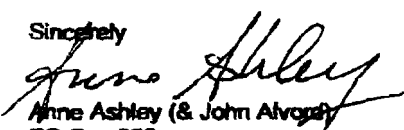
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While there is no official "Town" here and no local government we are truly a small and closely knit community. We socialize much more than most other areas as we are our own entertainment and we rely on each other on an ongoing basis due to our relatively remote location. We (and many, many others) are active members of several community organizations. I am the President of the Board of Directors for the Big Sur Health Center(BSHC) which is a non-profit organization and the only medical facility for more than 60 miles of coast line. The BSHC serves both local residents and our many visitors. The Big Sur Health Center (and other critical organizations such as the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade are the ONLY vital services we have available when Rte 1 is not passable (relatively common event for us) or emergencies (fire, etc.). Our mission is "To provide comprehensive medical care to all in Big Sur, regardless of ability to pay."

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There is no doubt. Big Sur is a community and we would benefit greatly
From a local radio station that reaches into all our homes and businesses.

Sincerely


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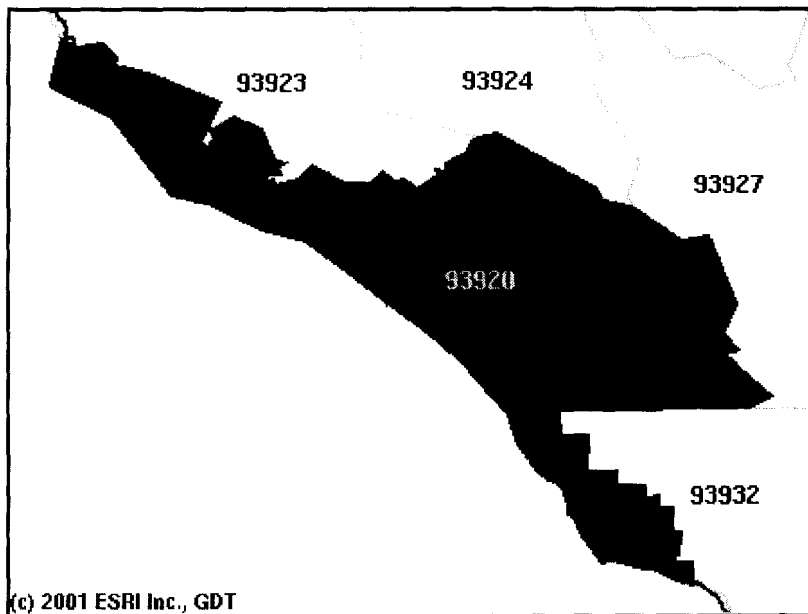
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